

son, a daughter, doing the work which God has given, is living a "religious life" in the best sense of the word; although it may bring us peculiar blessings when God sets us free from every earthly care to lead an entirely "dedicated" life. Let us study the teaching of God in the life of Christ and in the lives of the saints as recorded in the Bible, and let us learn patience. Hold to your ideal. Die with it, crying, "I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He will reveal it to me and enable me to realize it more perfectly hereafter"; but hold it fast in God's way, not feverishly and impatiently, but patiently and trustfully.—*Canon G. H. Wilkinson.*

CATECHIZING.

"SERMONS," says Dean Comber, "can never do good upon an uncatechised congregation." The ignorance that largely prevails among those who profess and call themselves Christians, is incredible. It is not ignorance of abstruse points of Theology, but ignorance concerning Christ, His Church, and His Sacraments. There is constant need of instruction, such as is drawn out by questions and answers. "The Catechiser," says George Herbert, "will draw out of silly souls even the dark and deep points of religion." The good Catechiser will not introduce trivial things merely to amuse; he will instruct, and grown-up people will come with delight to hear good catechising.

"The Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king."
—Ps. lxxxix. 18.

"I WILL GIVE MY SHARE."

IN the matter of giving for Church support, there is a certain false principle, which is very widely accepted.

The mistake is that men forget God's rule, and substitute one of their own. God's rule is a simple and direct one: "As God hath prospered him" (I. Corinthians xvi. 2.) "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee" (Deuteronomy xiv. 17).

Here is the true principle: A proportion between the ability or prosperity of the giver and the amount of his contribution.

But instead of simply following this rule, and, with prayer and thanks to God, giving all that one can, a great many, when the time comes for giving, begin at once to look around on their neighbors. "How much has A. given? Only so much. Well, he is twice as well off as I am; therefore half that amount will be my fair share." And so God's rule has been forgotten and a new one invented, which reads: "Let every man give as he sees others give around him." God's rule made His goodness and blessing upon us the standard; man's rule puts instead of it some other man's bad example. For note that by a singular coincidence it is always some man's pattern of narrowness which is taken, rather than some other man's pattern of liberality, which might as readily be found. It is very singular that in thus choosing to follow a human standard men should choose a pattern of close-